

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (VA Survey of Veteran Enrollees' Health and Use of Health Care (Survey of Enrollees))

Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION: Notice** 

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to identify areas for improvement in clinical training programs.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs, Veterans Health

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Administration (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0609" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian McCarthy at (202) 461-6345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 - 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

<u>Titles:</u> Survey of Veteran Enrollees' Health and Use of Health Care (Survey of Enrollees).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0609.

<u>Type of Review:</u> Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Survey of Veteran Enrollees' Health and Use

of Health Care (Survey of Enrollees) gathers information from Veterans enrolled in the

VA Health Care System regarding factors which influence their health care utilization

choices. Data collected are used to gain insights into Veteran preferences and to

provide VA and Veterans Health Administration (VHA) management guidance in

preparing for future Veteran needs. In addition to factors influencing health care

choices, the data collected include enrollees' perceived health status and need for

caregiver support, available insurances, self-reported utilization of VA services versus

other health care services, reasons for using VA, barriers to seeking care, ability and

comfort level with accessing virtual care, as well as general demographics and family

characteristics that may influence utilization but cannot be accessed elsewhere.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 14,700 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 21 minutes.

<u>Frequency of Response</u>: Annually.

Estimated Annual Responses: 42,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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